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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 11, consisting of Figs. 11A and 11B, designates a pair of cross-sectional views designating such a state in which shock incurring to the tape cassette storing case according to the first embodiment of the present invention is buffered when it falls with the lid member facing the ground;